

LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA  
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SECOND SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1113**

Introduced by Lynch, 13; Robak, 22

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Committee: Health and Human Services

A BILL

- 1 FOR AN ACT relating to behavioral health services; to state intent;
- 2 and to provide duties.
- 3 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1               Section 1.     The Legislature finds that the State of  
2 Nebraska pays behavioral health professionals for services provided  
3 under child welfare programs, the medicaid program, and community  
4 mental health and substance abuse programs and also under the  
5 managed care contract.   The behavioral health professionals have  
6 provided their services with a high level of competence and care.  
7 These services have been provided at a static level of compensation  
8 for the last six years.

9               It is the intent of the Legislature to increase the level  
10 of pay for behavioral health professionals by forty percent over  
11 the next four years with a ten percent increase each year. It is  
12 also the intent of the Legislature that no reduction in services be  
13 made to offset the increase in the level of pay.

14              The Director of Health and Human Services shall adjust  
15 the provider rates existing on January 1, 2000, as soon as  
16 practicable after the effective date of this act, by an increase of  
17 ten percent.   Upon the expiration of the current managed care  
18 contract, the director shall adjust the rates for behavioral health  
19 professionals covered by such contract by an increase of ten  
20 percent.   Over the next three succeeding years additional ten  
21 percent increases shall be made.